

Application No. 09/813,213
Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 4 and 13-17 is respectfully acknowledged.

Claim 1 has amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 4 and intervening claim 3. In addition, claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 3 and 4. And claim 13 has been amended to be rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of its parent claim 7 and intervening claim 9.

In addition, withdrawn independent claims 18 and 20 have been amended to depend from allowable amended claim 1. And since withdrawn claims 18-21 now depend from an allowable claim, it is respectfully requested that claims 18-21 be considered on the merits and allowed.

Still further, claims 1, 2, 5, 7-10, 12-14 and 18-21 have been amended only to make some minor grammatical improvements and to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to put them in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

No new matter has been added, no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 7 and 13, and claims 2, 5, 6, 7-12 and 14-21 respectively depending therefrom, are now all in condition for immediate allowance.

THE TITLE

The title has been amended to more clearly indicate the nature of the invention to which the claims are directed, as required by the Examiner.

THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to correct some minor grammatical and typographical errors of which the undersigned has become aware. No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification be approved and entered.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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